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COMPANY MEETINGS.

THE HONGKONG ICE CO. LTD.

The 36th ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in the above was held at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., yesterday. The Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton, presided and those also present were:—Sir Paul Chuter, C.M.G., Rev. P. Robert (Consulting Committee), Capt. W. E. Clarke and Messrs. C. Beswick, L. N. Lee, A. C. Davidson, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung Shui, H. Seth, C. Woodhead, G. K. Haxton, R. E. Macdougall and A. V. Apear, with Mr. R. M. Austin (secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the report and accounts, with the auditor's report, having been in your hands for some days, I will, with your permission, take them as read. The result of the year's working shows an increase of \$9,238.95 over 1916, the actual net profit for the year being \$96,001.65 as compared with \$86,763.04. The usual interim dividend of 25 per share was paid last August and we now propose paying a final dividend of 25 per share which I trust you will consider satisfactory. We are also in a position to add to our provision for contingencies amount to the extent of \$15,000 and carry forward \$19,926.47. Sales of ice show a slight decrease compared with the previous year, which is accounted for by the fact that the Canton Ice Factory was at work the whole year instead of only intermittently as in 1916. The Cold Storage Branch continues to produce a satisfactory income; but the very heavy increase in the cost of coal must necessarily decrease the profits from this branch during the current year, and for this reason it has been considered advisable rather a larger balance than usual should be carried forward. An additional cold store has been fitted up at Leichikok, thus enabling these stores to accommodate over 2,000 carcasses of meat at a time. Together with the store at East Point we have now cold storage space measuring 150,000 cubic feet. The old depot in Ice House Street has been converted into four modern shops, from which it is hoped a satisfactory income will be derived. Your Manager reports that all machinery and buildings at the works are in first class order, and all launches and lighters have received their annual overhaul. I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Capt. Clarke seconded, and the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ho Fook proposed, and Mr. Beswick seconded, the election of Sir Paul Chuter, C.M.G., and the Rev. P. Robert as members of the Consulting Committee, and this was agreed to.

Messrs. A. R. Lowe and E. A. M. Williams were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$200, on the proposition of Mr. Lo Cheung Shui, seconded by Mr. Lee.

This was all the business, and the Chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready, and could be had on application.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

The 48th ordinary meeting of shareholders of the above was held yesterday at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. The Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton presided, and those also present were Sir Paul Chuter, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. S. Gubbay, F. Matland, and H. P. White (Consulting Committee), Capt. W. E. Clarke, and Messrs. R. Hancock, G. K. Haxton, A. C. Davidson, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung Shui, and J. M. Alves, with Mr. L. N. Lee (Secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, in rising to propose the adoption of the report and accounts it gives me much satisfaction to direct your attention to the excellent results which have attended the Company's efforts for the year 1916. A prominent feature of the figures in front of you is a substantial increase in the premium income, and this has been earned with a loss ratio at a level lower even than that to which the fortunes of this Company have accustomed us. We can, I think, correctly attribute this success to the good quality of the business in the hands of the Company, for there is, so far as I can see, nothing to indicate that the waste

by fire has been less in the past year either in the Far East—our own special field—or elsewhere. In January last an outbreak occurred in a godown in Tientsin which did damage estimated at £30,000. In April of the same year there was a fire in some wharf godowns at Shanghai which entailed losses of, I believe, not less than £32,000. In May a godown was gutted at Pootung entailing losses estimated at some £60,000. In August the Philippine Islands came into prominence, and a fire at Tacloban was believed to have done damage to the extent of about £50,000. In Bangkok two rice mills were destroyed. In Singapore the telephone exchange was burnt out. These make a formidable list. The surplus to be dealt with is \$444,357.90, and the apportionment which we propose is set forth in the report. The policy of the Consulting Committee has been of recent years to acquire for the Company a larger investment in gold securities, and it is thought advisable to convert the Reinsurance Fund into a Sterling Fund, and to add to it the sum of £15,000, which will bring it up to £77,809 7s. 0d. The Company has now £43,000 invested in British Government War Loans issued in London; Straits \$60,000 in the 6 per cent. loan of the Malay States Government, and we subscribed \$100,000 to the local loan floated here last October, whilst another £12,000 has been invested in the loans of Allied Governments. We have thus carried out the intention, to which my predecessor in the chair gave expression last year, of supporting to our utmost the great cause for which civilisation is now fighting against a ruthless and barbarous foe. (Applause.) You will, I doubt not, also approve the action of your General Managers and Consulting Committee in having made a contribution of \$5,000 on behalf of the Company to the fund in aid of War Charities—a fund which must attract the heartfelt sympathy of us all. First class securities do not show as large a loss in market rates as might be expected in view of existing conditions, but the value of dollars having appreciated from 1/11 (the rate at which our accounts were last presented) to 2/4½ (the rate ruling at 31st December last) the result has been to diminish to a very substantial extent the value of gold securities as expressed in Hongkong dollars. The wisdom of placing a portion of the accumulated profits of former years to meet such an eventuality as this has been more than justified, and we shall have, after providing for this depreciation, a sum of \$35,000 standing at credit of Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account. It is thought, however, by the General Managers and Consulting Committee, that this should be augmented, and the proposed transfer of \$103,140.51 will bring this account up to \$138,992.78. The dividend of 25 per share absorbing \$216,000, you will no doubt confirm, and in recommending as we do this continued excellent return upon the Company's capital, I would once again ask shareholders to recall that their relations with the Company should not be confined to their reception of an annual distribution of profit, for I am not persuaded that they give the Company all the support that lies within their power, and I hope that you will each individually make a point, during the coming year, of assisting the Company to the utmost of your influence by introducing to it all the business under your control and inviting your friends to place their fire insurances with the Hongkong Fire also. You will feel, I am sure, willing to express your appreciation of the work of the staff by endorsing the action of your Consulting Committee in voting them a bonus on their salaries which, in view of the excellent results, has been fixed this year at 15 per cent. The outlook for 1917, you will see from the twelve months' figures before you, is favourable and justifies the hope of a successful conclusion. We find every year that competition increases, and whilst the maintenance of the tariffs in the Far East has given cause for anxiety during the last few months, we are glad to say that it has proved possible to harmonise, temporarily at any rate, the divergent opinions which appeared at one time almost to jeopardise their existence. We are led to understand that it is contemplated to introduce an Ordinance in Hongkong requiring Companies desiring to operate here to comply with a financial standard. Needless to say, such a measure will meet with no opposition.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

FATAL TRAIN ACCIDENT AT SHATIN.

In the early hours of yesterday morning, while a ballast train was on its way to Kowloon from beyond Shatin, and when nearing Shatin tunnel, a wheel of one of the trucks came off, as a consequence of which several of the vehicles were derailed and a certain amount of damage was done to the permanent way.

There were a number of railway coolies, or gangers, travelling by the train, and as a result of the impact caused by the accident, one of their number was killed, and ten are now in the Government Civil Hospital suffering from more or less serious injuries.

The coolie who was killed was thrown from the truck in which he was travelling and sustained such severe injuries to his head that death must have been almost instantaneous.

One of the trucks was twisted across the railway, and this resulted in a certain dislocation of traffic. However, relief gangs were soon on the scene of the accident, and it was not long before the normal service was being maintained. The injured coolies were brought to Hongkong and conveyed with all speed to the Government Civil Hospital, after first aid had been rendered by the Shatin police under Sergt. Devney.

AN INNOCENT AMAH. VICTIM OF A CONFIDENCE TRICK.

Despite the fact that the Chinese trick of obtaining money with the aid of a bundle of "notes," and the getting of security from people who are asked to be good enough to change the "notes," must be very well known, there are still people who are persuaded to part with money on such silly terms.

The latest innocent to be hoodwinked is an amah who is employed at 5, Seymour Road. She has reported to the police that when walking in Queen's Road Central about 5 p.m. on Tuesday, she was approached by a respectable-looking and elderly Chinese, who told her he had picked up a bundle of notes on a steamer. He also said that he was prepared to pay her \$10 of his easily-gotten wealth if she would show him the way to Salt Fish Lane. The amah said she would do this, and then the benevolent old man came forward with the statement that the bundle contained \$800, and he asked the amah if she would change the notes for him. The amah expressed her willingness to do so, and she was then asked for security. She parted with \$110 as security, and proceeded to a money-changer's. When she was about to change the notes the amah discovered that the alleged valuable bundle merely contained a roll of paper. With all speed she returned to the place where the man said he would wait—but he had gone, also the amah's \$110.

tion on the part of the management of this Company. Such an Ordinance will, presumably, have for its object the protection of the public, and nothing that places a premium upon security, such as this Company can offer so well, can meet with anything but our heartiest support. Gentlemen, in putting to you the resolution which I am about to do, you will doubtless be content for me to take the report and accounts as read, and I, therefore, now have pleasure in proposing:—That the report and accounts as presented, including the payment of a dividend of 25 per share; an addition of \$215,000 to the Reinsurance Fund; of \$103,140.51 to the Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account; and the payment of a bonus to staff of 15 per cent. upon their salaries, be adopted and passed.

Mr. Hancock, in seconding, said:—We have listened with very great interest to the speech which has just been made, and I think I am voicing the opinions of all the other shareholders in expressing congratulations to the management on what I understand is a record account for the Company; last year's account was excellent, and it reflects a great deal of credit upon everybody concerned with the running of the Company. With these few words I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution which has just been proposed, and also that the report and accounts, as presented, be passed.

The proposition was unanimously carried. Sir Paul Chuter, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. E. Shellim, and Messrs. H. P. White, F. Matland and C. S. Gubbay were re-elected members of the Consulting Committee on the proposition of Capt. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Haxton.

On the proposition of Mr. Ho Fook, seconded by Mr. Lo Cheung Shui, Messrs. H. Percy Smith and A. R. Lowe were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$500 each.

This was all the business, and the Chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready, and could be had on application. Finally, they were ready on the day following the meeting, but the Company, unfortunately, was now more up-to-date. (Laughter.)

ALICE MEMORIAL AND AFFILIATED HOSPITALS. ANNUAL FINANCE MEETING.

Yesterday the annual meeting of the Finance Committee of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals was held in the Chamber of Commerce Room, New Post Office Buildings. The Hon. Mr. E. H. Hallifax (Chairman of the Committee) presided, and there were present the Hon. Mr. J. E. Pollock, Dr. R. McLean Gibson (Superintendent and Secretary), the Rev. T. Pearce, Mr. A. S. D. Cousland, Mr. W. B. Walker, Mr. A. Mackenzie, Mr. J. M. Wong, Mr. Chau Siu Ki and Mr. A. G. Coppin (Hon. Treasurer).

Dr. Gibson having read the minutes of last annual meeting,

The Chairman said:—The Superintendent's Report for the year 1916 has already been in your hands for some time and is now laid on the table. I now beg to propose for election to the Finance Committee, Mr. W. B. Walker, Mr. J. H. Wallace and Mr. J. Walker.

Dr. Gibson seconded and the motion was carried.

The Rev. T. Pearce, in proposing the adoption of the Report of the Sub-Committee for the year 1916, said that he thought they should be very grateful to Mr. Chau Siu Ki and Mr. Chan Kang U, for the efforts they had put forward in collecting Chinese subscriptions.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock seconded, and the motion was adopted.

Mr. Chau Siu Ki proposed, and Mr. J. M. Wong seconded, that the Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for the year 1916 be adopted, and the motion was carried.

Mr. A. S. D. Cousland proposed, and Mr. A. Mackenzie seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. A. G. Coppin, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Mathison, Acting Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. E. J. Chapman, Hon. Auditor. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Coppin, after thanking the Committee on behalf of Messrs. Mathison and himself, said that the statement of income and expenditure of the Finance Sub-Committee required little explanation; but he would like to make a few remarks with regard to the figures shown. He said:—It is a matter for congratulation that we started the year 1916 with a credit balance of \$9,878.78, whereas we started the year 1915 with a debit balance of \$6,392.25. This speaks volumes for the work put in by Messrs. Chau Siu Ki and Chan Kang U, and their friends in the matter of raising funds. The reports I have easily available go back to the year 1904, and they show that from that year and in every subsequent year to 1916, we were labouring against a debit balance. In other words, the year 1916 is the first occasion on which a credit balance has been shown for at least 12 years. It may be longer, but as I have said, reports easily available to me do not go back further than the year 1904. As regards donations, it will be seen that those for 1916 are some \$6,600 less than those for 1915, and it is essential that we collect at least \$15,000 by way of donations during the coming year, otherwise we shall be encroaching upon our balance. Income from investments shows a small increase of \$105. We have in the present report stated the item of food differently. On the one side we show actual money expended in food, \$5,877.50, and on the other side we show refunds or collections from those patients able to pay, \$5,971.65, thus there is roughly a profit of \$100 on this item. In former years balances only were shown. Thus, in the account for 1915 it would appear that only \$189.45 was expended during the year on food, but, as a matter of fact, expenses under this item were considerably larger, and the sum mentioned in that report is the balance after deducting certain refunds. The present method of stating the item was considered more accurate by Mr. E. J. Chapman, our hon. auditor, and it certainly gives subscribers a better idea of the work done by the officials. On the expense side, we have to record an increase in medicines of \$4,448.20, this being due to increased cost of medicines, for which the war is accountable. Repairs show an increase of some \$200 over the previous period, the work done being considered necessary for the up-keeping of the buildings.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock proposed the election of the present Committee with the following amendments:—That the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoake take the place of Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, who is absent from the Colony, and that Mr. J. M. Wong take the place of Mr. Kwok Sin Lan.

Mr. W. B. Walker seconded and the motion was adopted.

The Chairman then said:—Gentlemen, we now come to the question of the Chairmanship of the Committee and we find ourselves very much in the same position as last year. I do not think it is essential to the welfare of the Hospitals that I should be chairman. I can give quite as much assistance in my official capacity as Secretary for Chinese Affairs as I am able to as Chairman of the Committee, and I feel that there are all those who would be willing to help all they could but they asked to do so. I therefore beg to propose that the Hon. Mr. E. Shellim be elected Chairman. I am sure he would actively participate in the work for the welfare of the Hospitals, and from a business point of view, he is eminently eligible.

Mr. Coppin seconded and the motion was carried.

After passing a vote of thanks to Dr. McLean Gibson, to the outgoing Chairman (Mr. Hallifax), and to the Chamber of Commerce for the use of the room, the meeting terminated.

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FOR MEN.

GOOD FRIDAY, 6TH APRIL.

POOL COMPETITION.

Medal Play over 18 holes.

Entrance Fee \$1 per card.

SUNDAY, 8TH APRIL.

TOMBSTONE COMPETITION over 18 holes for Prize presented by the American Members.

Entrance Fee \$1 per card.

CONDITIONS:—A player is allowed the Bogey score plus his handicap. When he has played the total number of strokes allowed a peg with his name thereon must be fixed at the spot where the ball lies.

If at the 18th hole a player has strokes in hand he must continue from the first tee. In the case of a lost ball, another may be dropped on the fairway, not nearer the hole, under penalty of two strokes.

The player who reaches the furthest point in the number of strokes allowed him wins the Prize.

A Prize will also be given to the player whose peg or "Tombstone" lies nearest to a selected spot which will be disclosed after the round is completed.

FOR LADIES.

SATURDAY, 7TH APRIL.

9 holes Medal Competition over Relief Course.

Entrance Fee \$1.

There will be a 1st and 2nd Prize and a Small Scratch Prize.

Competitors must drive off from the 1st tee before 1 P.M.

SUNDAY, 8TH APRIL.

TOMBSTONE COMPETITION over Relief Course 18 holes.

Entrance Fee \$1.

CONDITIONS: A player is allowed the Bogey score plus his handicap. When he has played the total number of strokes allowed a peg with his name thereon must be fixed at the spot where the ball lies.

If at the 18th hole a player has strokes in hand he must continue from the first tee. In the case of a lost ball, another may be dropped on the fairway, not nearer the hole, under penalty of two strokes.

The player who reaches the furthest point in the number of strokes allowed him wins the Prize.

A Prize will also be given to the player whose peg or "Tombstone" lies nearest to a selected spot which will be disclosed after the round is completed.

In the two above Competitions Competitors may play nine holes at a time.

MIXED.

SATURDAY, 7TH APRIL.

MIXED FOURSOME COMPETITION.

9 holes Medal Play over Relief Course.

First and Second Prize and Small Scratch Prize. Ladies to arrange Partners. Couples to play with, and time of starting.

Entrance Fee \$1 per Couple.

MONDAY, 9TH APRIL.

MIXED FOURSOME COMPETITION.

18 holes Medal Play over Big Course.

First and Second Prize and Small Scratch Prize. Gentlemen to make the necessary arrangements to partners, &c.

Entrance Fee \$2 per Couple.

Driving and Approaching and Putting Competition will be held in the afternoon.

50% of the sum realised from Entrance Fees to all Competitions will be handed to the Charity.

On Easter Monday the Main Club House will be open to Ladies.

Tickets must be ordered beforehand.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder Street, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 30th instant, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 30th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Agents.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1917. [338]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED, AND REDUCED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 1st March, to SATURDAY, 31st March, 1917, both days inclusive.

The return of Capital of \$2.50 per Share will be paid to Shareholders on and after the 16th March, 1917, on presentation of Share Certificates for endorsement.

By Order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1917. [329]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

A N INTERIM DIVIDEND OF FIVE DOLLARS per Share has been Declared and will be Payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on or after WEDNESDAY, the 4th April.

The REGISTER of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 31st March, to WEDNESDAY, 4th April, both days inclusive, during which days no Transfer of Shares can be made.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be ready on WEDNESDAY, the 4th April, and may be obtained on application.

DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1917. [431]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FIRST YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG CLUB will be held in the Club House, TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 29th March, 1917, at 5.30 P.M.

By Order, E. DES VOEUX, Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1917. [412]

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Special Attention of the Public is directed to the undermentioned Regulations which form part of the Regulations made by the Governor in Council under Section 3 of the Electricity Supply Ordinance, 1911, on the 16th March, 1917.

33.—"Any person making any addition to any electrical installation connected to the Company's main without obtaining the written consent of the Company shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100 for every such addition."

34.—"Any consumer upon whose premises any such addition shall be found shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100 for every day or part of a day during which such addition shall have been in existence. In this regulation, "consumer" means the person in whose name the contract for the supply of electricity to such premises was made with the Company, or if there be no such person, the principal tenant or person in actual occupation of the premises in which such addition shall be found."

Having regard to the possibility of a breakdown of the Company's present plant through unauthorised additions to existing installations the Public is earnestly requested to co-operate with the Company by bringing to the Company's notice any contraventions of the above regulations.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1917.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1917. [427]

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CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

A Class for "Beginners" will commence on MONDAY, 2nd April, 1917.

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By Order, E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1917. [398]

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A STRANGE DELAY.

In rendering an account of his stewardship during the past year to the Chamber of Commerce, the Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK complained of the difficulties which an unofficial member encounters in discharging his duties at the Legislative Council to his constituents. There is a tendency to regard him as a meddling interloper who ought to be discouraged. As this is no new grievance, but has repeatedly been voiced by Mr. HOLYOAK's predecessors and by his elected colleagues, it would be idle to pretend that it has no justification in fact. Mr. HOLYOAK, however, looks forward with hope to the time when it will no longer be possible for the considered and determined opinion of the mercantile community to be vetoed by an official majority on the Council who do not know, and cannot be expected to know, anything of commercial questions. We are convinced that the present system of government in this Colony, which carries us back to the middle of the last century, is doomed. It is impossible to believe that the British nation will be willing to perpetuate indefinitely in a thriving entrepot of trade a system which is fundamentally opposed to all its political axioms though it may be suited to a pastoral and primitive people. When the war ends with the collapse of the Central Powers, this system will have no counterpart in Europe. We do not believe, indeed, that it would be tolerated now if the British people were aware of its existence. Unfortunately, in the overwhelming majority of cases they are supremely ignorant of the conditions which prevail outside the British Isles, a fact which was illustrated not very long ago when a Minister of the Crown found it necessary to point out, even to

a member of the House of Commons, that Shanghai was not a British Colony. If, however, there is to be any change in the Constitution of this Colony within a reasonable space of time it will be necessary for a great deal more activity to be shown by its advocates than has been displayed up to the present. Government Departments are proverbially slow to move, and it requires a great deal of dynamic force to overcome their static resistance. The rejection of the recent petition from this Colony to the Secretary of State was, therefore, only to be expected, but if every similar rebuff had been accepted submissively by those who demanded reform in the past the world would have stood still. When Mr. BONAR LAW's curt refusal to grant the concessions desired by the leading British residents of this Colony was received the preliminary steps were taken to establish a Constitutional Reform Association for the purpose of carrying on the campaign, but though some hundreds of members were quickly enrolled nothing has been heard of the organisation for several months. Anyone with experience of such matters knows the importance of "striking while the iron is hot." As soon as the nucleus of the new Association should have been formed a second circular should have been sent to every person who omitted to reply to the first, and, finally, a systematic canvass should have been undertaken. A meeting of members should then have been called to discuss and determine a second petition to the Imperial authorities. The people of Hongkong are frequently accused of apathy—that is an inevitable characteristic of communities who are excluded from any participation in the conduct of their own affairs—but if the easy-going methods of those who have undertaken the organisation of the Constitutional Reform Association were to be adopted by a Parliamentary or Municipal candidate in Great Britain his defeat would be a foregone conclusion. There is no doubt that the thinking section of the inhabitants of this Colony have a settled conviction that they are entitled to a more representative form of government, and would warmly support a vigorous movement to obtain it. When their demand has been formulated, the co-operation should be enlisted of those Members of Parliament who, by their questions in the House of Commons, have evinced an interest in Hongkong. If a similar course had not been adopted a quarter of a century ago after the Marquess of Ripon's dispatch was received our position to-day would be worse than it is.

We understand that Mr. C. G. Alabaster has been nominated for the vacancy on the Sanitary Board. His proposer is the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., and his seconder, Mr. Montagu Eden.

Mr. A. H. Crook, M.A., has kindly consented to deliver a lecture on "Animal and plant survivals and oddities in the Far East" to-day at 5.15 p.m. at the Helena May Institute. All are cordially invited.

A chair coolie has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries sustained as a result of being knocked down by motor-car 39, belonging to the Exile Garage, near the Wing Lok wharf on Tuesday.

Mr. H. Wilfred Kelly (Raymond & Whitcomb Co., Boston, U.S.A.), who had an exciting experience when the *Chiao Maru* went ashore, is again in Hongkong, being engaged in conducting a party of tourists throughout the Far East.

The annual sports of St. Stephen's College will be held to-morrow (Friday) on the Jockey Club ground in Happy Valley, which has been kindly lent for the occasion. The band of the 74th Punjab will be present. The prizes will be distributed at 4 p.m. by Mrs. Ma Wing Chan.

Full details of the Easter competitions arranged by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club will be found in another column. On Good Friday there will be a Pool competition for men. On Saturday a mixed foursome competition and a nine holes medal competition for ladies. On Sunday there will be tombstone competitions, and on Monday another mixed foursome. Driving and approaching and putting competitions have also been arranged for Easter Monday afternoon.

HONGKONG MAGISTRACY.

MORE HASTE LESS SPEED.

A Chinese was fined \$8 by Mr. Melbourne for bringing eight unstamped letters into the Colony from Yokohama by the *Shingo Maru*. The defendant's excuse was that he was in too great a hurry to post the letters.

SMOKING IN THE NAVAL YARD.

A Chinese employe in the Naval Yard was charged with smoking while engaged in working in a store in the yard.

Mr. W. A. Barnett, Inspector of Stores, spoke to seeing the defendant smoking, he was smoking a cigarette or a pipe.

Defendant, who denied the charge, and said he had a foki who could substantiate his story, was fined \$10.

SOLDIER AND A WATCH.

George Lloyd, a private in the F.S.L.I., who was remanded last week on a charge of stealing a watch valued at \$10 from a second-hand dealer in Queen's Road West, was again brought before Mr. Wood for sentence. The Magistrate, who had ordered the man to be placed under observation for a week, said that the defendant was convicted of stealing the watch, and he would be sentenced to three months' hard labour, the sentence to date from March 21st.

BANK OF CANTON DEFRAUDED.

Mr. Preston appeared to prosecute a Chinese named Lam U Sang, the possessor of three *almos*, who was charged with aiding and abetting another Chinese, not in custody, in defrauding the Bank of Canton of \$10,032.80. The defendant pretended that he was someone else, and, as a result of this, and with the assistance of a man not in custody, the sum mentioned was drawn from the bank as far back as October, 1913. Defendant was arrested in Des Voeux Road Road Central on Tuesday by a Chinese detective.

Mr. Preston applied for a week's remand, stating that there was a likelihood of more arrests being made.

A week's formal remand was granted, defendant being remanded in custody.

This case arises out of the civil action in which a poor Chinese widow successfully claimed, on appeal, \$10,000 from the Bank of Canton, it being proved that she had been the victim of an ingeniously conceived conspiracy. The defendant is alleged to be one of the conspirators.

THE BEGGAR'S FEAST.

At West Point on Tuesday evening a Chinese beggar indulged in a feast, despite the fact that his pockets were devoid of the wherewithal to pay for his unaccustomed menu. With great bravado he entered a glittering restaurant, and ordered a meal, along with samshui and cigarettes. Having dealt with the menu to his satisfaction the bill was presented to him. This amounted to 83 cents, but the beggar's pockets, unlike his stomach, were empty. This resulted in his being brought before Mr. Melbourne, before whom he at once knelt, exclaiming, "I kneel before you." The beggar also stated that he had been a soldier at Kowloon, and that he was invited to the restaurant.

Inspector Brown remarked that the defendant was an incorrigible vagabond, and that he had been sent away from the Colony on six occasions.

A fine of \$9, or in default seven days' imprisonment, was the sentence passed.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MEETING TO-DAY.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council is to be held this afternoon at the Council Chamber. The Orders of the Day are as follow:—

First reading of a Bill intitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinances, 1899-1913."

Second reading of the Bill intitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Rating Ordinance, 1901."

Second reading of the Bill intitled, "An Ordinance to protect certain Public Servants from Legal Proceedings in respect of certain liabilities."

Second reading of the Bill intitled, "An Ordinance to amend further the Alien Enemies (Winding up) Ordinance, 1914."

Second reading of the Bill intitled, "An Ordinance to amend further the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance, 1897."

THE WAR.

BRITAIN'S BLOCKADE CRITICISED.

IS GERMANY STARVING?

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LATEST CABLES.

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BRITISH LINE IMPROVED.

AN IMPORTANT CAPTURE.

LONDON, March 27th.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters states that the British have occupied the large village of Longavesnes, the possession of which greatly improves our line between Roisel and Nurlu. We have also occupied the small village of Equanourt, on the Tortille river, near where it falls into the Canal de Nord.

GERMAN ADMISSIONS.

GIVING WAY BEFORE STRONG ALLIED ATTACKS.

LONDON, March 27th.

A wireless German official message says:—Rain has reduced the fighting on the whole West Front to engagements north-eastward of Bapaume and at Peronne. The enemy, after repeated fruitless advances, occupied Roisel. Strong French forces came upon our Reserves between the Oise and Coucy-le-Chateau. We inflicted losses, and gave way before a threatened encircling movement.

FRENCH ADVANCES.

MORE CAPTURES.

PARIS, March 27th.

A communiqué states:—We have continued to advance south of the Oise. In the lower forest of Coucy, of which we occupy the entire northern portion, the enemy has been driven beyond the Barisis-Servais line. A night attack brilliantly carried the village of Coucy-le-Chateau, south of the Forest, which the Germans energetically defended. In the region north of Soissons we captured a farm north-west of Margival, and a point d'appui which was strongly held by the enemy.

WANTON WASTE.

GERMANS DESTROY RUINS AND MONUMENTS.

LONDON, March 27th.

Reuter's correspondent at the French Headquarters refers to the enemy's waste of hundreds of tons of explosives in the wanton destruction of a mediaeval fortress-chateau which was militarily valueless, and the blowing up of ancient ruins and monuments.

He also mentions that German officers have offered the liberated villagers ten francs for either a pound of coffee, rice or lard, distributed by the American Relief Commission, in order to send to their starving wives in Germany.

BRITISH CAVALRY IN ACTION.

DRIVING THE ENEMY.

LONDON, March 27th.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—Our cavalry drove out the enemy from Longavesnes, Liermont and Equanourt, which we occupy, and a number of prisoners were taken. The enemy's third attack to the north of Beaumetz was temporarily successful. We recaptured the post and re-established the position. Our fire drove off a raiding party to the east of Ploegsteert.

EARLIER CABLES.

GERMANY'S MAN-POWER.

LONDON, March 27th.

A message from Amsterdam quotes the *Nieuwe Courant* which says that between March 12th and March 18th the German transport of troops to Belgium was on a larger scale than in 1914.

RETREATING GERMANS.

FRENCH OCCUPY NEW POINTS.

PARIS, March 26th.

A communiqué says:—Between the Somme and the Oise, our artillery dispersed enemy gatherings. Between Benay and Urville, south of the Oise, we made important progress in the lower Coucy forest, and occupied Folembroy and La Feuille, notwithstanding the difficulties of the terrain and a vigorous enemy resistance.

We also progressed north of Soissons and in the region of Vregny.

SUCCESSFUL BELGIAN RAID.

LONDON, March 27th.

A Belgian official wireless message says:—A Belgian detachment raided the German positions near Smeunstraat, and inflicted losses, razed field works, and brought back prisoners.

MORE FRENCH PROGRESS.

LONDON, March 27th.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters, writing from Soissons on March 26th says:—The plateau of Croucy, up the southern side of which the French are fighting their way in the teeth of fierce opposition, is the south-western projection of the vast Laon plateau. Its surface is broken by countless ravines and is frequently wooded. Under a clear sky and bright sun it is hot enough in the afternoon to tempt weary men to lie and bask in the rays.

The French are steadily driving the enemy from position to position. The wilderness of mud has disappeared, and men and guns advance over fields, taking cover as in wars of a decade ago. There is frequent fusillading, which shows that the rifle has come to its own again.

The brilliant French capture of the Red Bridge over the ravine on the Mauberge road gave the French the key to the whole Croucy plateau.

The attacking regiments are mostly peasants, and are infuriated at the sight of ruined farms and orchards. They stormed the position with irresistible fury and repulsed three counter-attacks in two days. The enemy has not abandoned hope of retaking the wrecked bridge. Fighting is still raging.

The French are also pressing forward on the left in the vicinity of Margival, and on the right in the vicinity of Vregny.

Every gain is followed by a counter-attack, wherein the Germans recklessly and fruitlessly sacrifice men.

The enemy's position at Vregny is most strong; his guns and machine-guns sweeping the natural glacis.

THE BRITISH.

LONDON, March 27th.

Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters, writing on the 26th inst. says:—The only change yesterday was the retirement of the British outpost at Roisel before a strong German force of cyclist infantry, which suddenly appeared. We still hold the railway junction between Marquais and Roisel.

Our occupation of Beaumetz les Cambrésis evidently annoys the Germans. They attempted a bombing attack to the north of the place yesterday morning, but were repulsed with considerable loss.

German artillery is more active, but the firing is desultory and nervous.

APPROACHING ST. QUENTIN SECTOR.

LONDON, March 27th.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that interest is now concentrating in the sector of St. Quentin, which both the British and the French are approaching. The French capture of the Essigny plateau, immediately south of the two, is notable, as it commands the gap which is the direct strategic route between Paris and Belgium. It also marks a considerable step towards outflanking the town. The Germans, recognising its importance, have numerously counter-attacked, but all attacks have been shattered with heavy enemy loss.

ROUMANIA AND ALLIED SUCCESSES.

LONDON, March 27th.

Reuter's correspondent at Jassy says the Anglo-French successes have aroused the greatest enthusiasm. Newspapers are torn from the hands of the sellers as soon as they appear, and the public devour the communiqués and Reuter's despatches, which have revived the spirits of the Roumanians most extraordinarily.

Russian Front.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GERMAN WIRELESS.

A wireless German official message says:—We have energetically advanced south-east of Baranovitchi, and stormed positions on the west bank of Schtschara, imprisoning 300. We repulsed a Russian attack following violent waves of fire westward of Luck.

GERMAN ADMISSIONS.

FALL BACK BEFORE ASPHYXIATING GAS.

LONDON, March 27th.

A wireless German official message states:—The enemy have attacked on the west bank of the river Chars. A second attack, which was accompanied by asphyxiating gas, compelled us to fall back towards the east.

The Balkans.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GERMAN CLAIM.

LONDON, March 27th.

A German message claims that strong French advances north-west of Monastir failed.

IN MACEDONIA.

CAPTURE OF TRENCHES.

PARIS, March 27th.

A Macedonian communiqué states:—We captured a quarter of a mile of trenches in the direction of Coest and Ceronastens, taking a hundred prisoners. The Italians, supported by our artillery, broke down an attempted Bulgar attack.

Italian Front.

EARLIER CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OFFENSIVE AGAINST ITALY FORESHADOWED.

"A BIGGER AFFAIR THAN VERDUN."

ROME, March 27th.

M. Barzilai, when visiting the front, conversed with General Cadorna, who referred to the reports of the coming great enemy offensive against Italy. He said that the Italian Army was quite prepared. He himself had neglected nothing to meet the strongest attack. If the enterprise attributed to the enemy was carried out, it would be a bigger affair than Verdun, but it would have the same result.

Naval Activities.

EARLIER CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LATEST FORM OF PIRACY.

LONDON, March 27th.

It is stated that twelve Belgian relief ships have been torpedoed since 1914.

LATEST CABLES.

BRITAIN'S BLOCKADE.

REPLIES TO CRITICISMS.

LONDON, March 27th.

In the House of Commons, replying to criticisms regarding the effectiveness of Britain's blockade, Lord Robert Cecil declared that the tightening of the blockade had resulted in a complete cessation of overseas importations into enemy countries. He admitted that the question of home produce of neutrals adjoining Germany was much more difficult, but expressed the opinion that the only way to stop such exports to Germany was by agreement with neutrals. For example, Norway had agreed to restrict her trade with Germany, provided we supplied her with refined copper.

FOOD RIOTS IN GERMANY.

Lord Robert Cecil proceeded to show the steadily increasing diversion of the Danish and Dutch agricultural products to England instead of to Germany recently, and emphatically declared that Denmark had honestly endeavoured to carry out the terms existing under an agreement. He would be deceiving the country if he did not say that there was the greatest shortage of food in Germany as a result of the blockade, and also a shortage of wool, cotton, lubricants and other necessities. He was disinclined to disbelieve the repeated and well authenticated reports of food riots in Germany.

FIRST AMERICAN ARMED STEAMER.

A SAFE JOURNEY.

LONDON, March 27th.

The steamer *St. Louis*, the first American armed liner, has arrived at Liverpool. Her passengers included four ladies and five journalists. No submarines were seen. In practice shooting at barrels with periscopes, these were smashed at a 20 miles' range.

The Captain and an American naval officer were on the bridge for seventy-two hours. The *St. Louis* was armed with six inch guns both fore and aft, which were manned by selected gunners. The vessel travelled direct through the zone unhindered.

SINKING OF HOSPITAL SHIP.

END OF THE "ASTURIAS."

LONDON, March 26th.

The *Asturias* was torpedoed at midnight. The torpedo struck the quarter deck, damaged the rudder and thence went into the engine-room, damaging the machinery, and extinguishing the whole of the electrical illumination. The vessel had landed 800 sick, and those on board consisted of the crew, members of the Medical Corps, and a number of nurses. Distress signals were answered, and a patrol boat towed in several of the *Asturias*'s boats with survivors. Between 300 and 400 were landed. The survivors were thinly clad, some were injured, and three died after landing. The others were rescued by a destroyer and another patrol boat.

The *Asturias* was sunk about two months ago in the Mediterranean. She was formerly a R.M.S.P. liner of 12,000 tons.

General.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MORE BARBARITY.

BELGIAN DEPORTEES DYING OF STARVATION.

LONDON, March 27th.

The Belgian Government have received letters from eye witnesses describing the terrible fate of Belgian deportees in Germany. Their treatment is unmitigatedly abhorrent, they are dying by the scores through starvation, and are even eating rats.

CHINA AND GERMANY.

GERMAN MINISTER AND STAFF LEAVE PEKING.

PEKING, March 27th.

The German Minister and his staff have left for Shanghai, from where they will sail in the Dutch steamer *Rembrandt* for San Francisco. From here they will travel across the United States, and make for Germany probably via Holland. [The *Rembrandt* left Hongkong a few days ago.]

CHANGING RUSSIA.

SUPPORT FROM HIGH PLACES.

PETROGRAD, March 27th.

Nine of the principal Grand Dukes and three Princes have associated themselves with the views expressed by the Grand Duke Michael in his Act of Abdication. They have surrendered their appanages to the State, and have expressed their determination to support the Provisional Government.

KEEN FOR THE GERMANS.

PETROGRAD, March 26th.

Since M. Gutchikoff's warning of a likely German attempt on the capital, officers have been waiting in queues at the Commandants Headquarters volunteering for the Riga and Dvinsk fronts.

THE VICTIMS.

The soldiers are digging a huge square grave for the victims of the revolution in a prominent part of Petrograd, on which a monument will be erected.

BONDED TEA.

SELLING PRICE TO BE LOWERED.

LONDON, March 27th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bathurst stated that 93,624,000 pounds of tea were bonded in London on February 26th, and 3,372,647 pounds were withdrawn last year. Arrangements for lowering the selling price would be enforced on May 18th, and the Food Controller would not allow any consideration to interfere with the interests of the consumers, and steps would be taken to prevent undue speculation.

CANADA'S WAR FINANCE.

GREAT SUCCESS OF NEW LOAN.

OTTAWA, March 27th.

Sir Thomas White, the Finance Minister, in announcing that the new loan of \$30,000,000 had been over-subscribed by \$20,000,000 states that the applications aggregated over 40,000. The increase in small subscriptions was most gratifying, and the result is the most notable and significant success for Canadian people, and will be regarded by the outside world as Canada's greatest achievement in the war, next to mobilisation and the dispatch of the overseas Canadian army. It will immensely change Canada's financial prestige and strengthen Canada's credit should Canada later have recourse to the foreign money markets, but Canada, if she chooses, can do her war financing. He urges Canadians to save their money so as to enable Canada to finish the war with the greater part of her debt held by Canadians.

THE EAST LONDON DISASTER.

FINDINGS OF THE INQUIRY.

LONDON, March 27th.

The Committee of Inquiry into the East London disaster, when there was a fearful explosion at a munitions factory, report that a fire preceded the explosion, but there was no evidence that the disaster was maliciously caused. The report records the fact that sixty-nine persons were killed on the spot, and ninety-eight were seriously injured, of which number four died. Three hundred and twenty-eight persons were slightly injured, and hundreds were affected in a trifling manner. The report adds that His Majesty the King conferred the King Edward Medal, first class, on Mr. Ange, chemist-in-charge, and on Mr. Wenborne, the leading male hand, and the King's Police Medal upon P. C. Greenoff, all of whom sacrificed their lives through remaining at their posts.

FRENCH 1918 CLASS TO BE CALLED UP.

PARIS, March 26th.

The Chamber has authorised the calling up of the 1918 class after Easter.

FRANCE AND NATURALISATION.

PARIS, March 26th.

The Chamber has adopted the Senate's Bill authorising the withdrawal of naturalisation from ex-subjects of enemy powers.

EXPLOSION AT MUNITIONS FACTORY.

LONDON, March 27th.

The Press Bureau announces that there was an accidental explosion at a munitions factory in the north of England this morning. There was no serious damage done, but one person was killed, and nine injured, three seriously.

EARLIER CABLES.

AMERICA AND GERMANY.

"FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS" OF TREATIES.

WASHINGTON, March 26th.

The United States' reply to the German proposal for an amendment of the Prussian-American Treaties, states:—"The Government is seriously considering whether or not the Treaties have not been already abrogated by Germany's flagrant violations of their provisions."

WAR STRENGTH.

WASHINGTON, March 27th.

President Wilson has ordered that the Corps of Marines shall be brought up to a war strength of 17,400.

THE "APPAM."

WASHINGTON, March 27th.

The Supreme Court has ordered the immediate transference of the *Appam* to her British owners.

"INVASION" OF SCOTLAND AND LOWESTOFT.

GROUNDLESS RUMOURS.

LONDON, March 26th.

An unprecedented crop of alarmist and circumstantial rumours throughout Great Britain during the week-end, led Mr. Will Thorne to ask Mr. Bonar Law, in the House of Commons, whether he had any information regarding reports of invasions in Scotland, Lowestoft and elsewhere.

Mr. Bonar Law said he had heard a great many rumours himself, but all of them were without foundation.

PRUSSIAN PRINCE DIES OF WOUNDS.

LONDON, March 27th.

The *Daily Express* says the Prussian prince, Prince Friedrich Karl, has died of wounds. He was recently reported as missing.

STATE AND THE "TRADE."

LONDON, March 27th.

It is understood that if the State liquor purchase is carried out, the value of stocks of whisky in Great Britain in bond, estimated at over a hundred million, must be added to the three hundred millions payable to brewers and distillers as compensation.

RUSSIA'S CHANGES.

TURKISTAN JOINS IN THE REVOLT.

PETROGRAD, March 27th.

Advices from Tashkent report that the Tartars at Kirghiz and Sarta have joined the Revolution. There were great festivals in the towns and villages, which were beflagged, while thanksgiving services were held in the mosques. General Kurupatkin addressed 200,000 demonstrators at Tashkent.

"GRANDMOTHER OF THE REVOLUTION."

PETROGRAD, March 27th.

The arrival of Madame Breshkovsky, "the Grandmother of the Revolution," was the occasion of rejoicings at Omak. She was received by the Commanding General and ceremoniously conducted to her residence—the ex-Governor's Palace, which is now styled the House of the Republic.

MACHINE-GUNS IN PETROGRAD.

PETROGRAD, March 26th.

An extraordinary Commission is investigating the illegalities of ex-Ministers and officials under the régime. It is stated that six hundred machine-guns have been found in different parts of the city.

At the first performance at the Opera House since the Revolution, two members of the Executive Committee of the Duma addressed the audience from the Imperial box. The workmen's and soldiers' delegates spoke from another box. The new governing body of Finland comprises six Social Democratic members, and six representatives of other parties. The *Bourgeois Gazette* states that the body of the monk Rasputin has been burned.

GUARDS FOR REVOLUTION.

PETROGRAD, March 27th.

The Volynsky Guards was the first regiment to declare for the Revolution. It marched to the Taurina Palace to express loyalty to the Government, carrying red flags inscribed "Don't betray our comrades in the trenches. Make shells." The band played the Marseillaise.

LOYAL SERVICES.

PETROGRAD, March 27th.

A telegram from Riga says that M. Gutchikoff, Minister of War, has arrived and was given an ovation by sailors and troops, who took the oath of fidelity to the Government. Delegates of the Government who have returned to Petrograd from the Riga front give an excellent account of the spirit of the troops in the trenches.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE.

IMMEDIATE ACTION URGED.

LONDON, March 27th.

At a meeting of the members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons, supporting the principle of Imperial Preference, it was resolved that, in view of the Paris Economic Conference resolutions of June, 1916, and of the fact that Lord Balfour of Burligh's Committee has reported in favour of the adoption of a policy of preference and commercial treaties with the Allies, to request the Government to submit the Paris resolutions and Lord Balfour of Burligh's report to the Imperial War Cabinet and Conference. The meeting further requested the Government forthwith to set up machinery to give effect to the resolutions and to carry out a policy of Imperial Preference, in accordance with Mr. Asquith's announcement to Parliament in February, 1916, that it was not intended to await peace to give effect to the Paris resolutions.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S STIRRING
APPEAL.

Mr. Lloyd George, in the course of a rousing speech, said:—

PERILOUS TIME AT THE FRONT.

And yet that was turned out by a
 partment which was derided and
 deemed as a failure within a few
 after it had been set up by the same
 who are beginning clandestinely to do
 same thing with the new Governmen
 am only giving you that as a warning
 to rush into premature criticism. I
 tell you something about what the
 men have done already. When men
 ploughing and sowing it is no use ec
 round saying "Where is the harve
 It is enough for me to know that the
 good ploughmen. They know how
 handle the plough, and although
 it now and again come up now
 hidden boulder they will do their
 and I have very little doubt in a
 time I shall be able to show to you

THE HALKANS MUDDLE.

GERMANY'S LATEST MOVE.
 When you come to the sea there is much

But all this leads to sacrifice. Let me make clear to you what the enemy desires. I want the nation thoroughly understand what all this means. He doing it because he is getting desperate. The Prussians, thoroughly understanding that the resources at their disposal cannot command complete victory on land, want you fully to appreciate what this means for him, and for us. I am very glad to read what Mr. Asquith said yesterday or the day before about "peace without victory." He was absolutely right. What would it mean? It would mean not a peace, but a rest—(cheers)—a rest for him and for the Con-

B. Hess, for him and for his followers, to the Powers, a time to recuperate from the exhausted condition. I can tell you what would happen without pretence to any gifts of prophecy. The military leaders of Germany would say: "We made a few mistakes as the beginning of the war, otherwise we should have run these nations. Next time we will rectify these errors." They would also say: "We were done by the blockade; we are short of food and material. Next time we will accumulate a sufficient quantity of food and raw material so that the German Empire shall not have to be crushed out by a blockade." But it is to destroy the prestige of the Prussian military idol that cannot be set up as a Cheema. They could produce swarms of submarines and aircraft in order to

What have we got to do? We have to demonstrate that the Prussian Beal is a false god, that its pretensions are a sham, that its priests are a cruel fraud. We must show them that he has brought famine to their land, that he could not protect himself let alone them. Once you do that they will tear down his altars and strike his images into the dust. (Cheers.) It is essential that this nation, with its great Allies, should destroy the delusion of the Prussian military power. You will then have in Germany, as well as in Europe, one great emancipated land from the Ural to the Atlantic shores. (Cheers.)

Well, now, I want to tell you what you

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I have talked to you about the Alliance; I have said something about the Dominions and about India; but I want to get nearer home, and I want to tell you what you can do. We can do nothing unless the nation is prepared to back us, and if you will allow me I am going to speak quite frankly. I certainly shall not be worthy of the position which I hold unless I talked quite openly, quite frankly, to the nation. (Cheers.) The

...fessing that we have done great things; it can do more than that. We great deeds have ever been achieved in this world without great sacrifices, they must not be confined to one class or one section of the community. We must choose able-bodied men between 18 and 41 who do not happen to be indispensable to a business and say the sacrifice is to be made. We choose them to bear the burden of sacrifice and the rest must go free. They must all share in it. (Cheers.) There is no belligerent country in Europe on our side where the general public have sacrificed less than in Great Britain. There are exceptions, but they are small. There are certain professions which are taxed severely from their own wealth and they pay it. They are just the professions that you never hear a growl from; they are the most patriotic. But with

CALL FOR GREATER SACRIFICE.

There is great fighting in front of us. Our gallant soldiers will do their duty. There are men every day and every night who are going down to the sea in ships to defend our shores. Our gallant sailors will not flinch whatever danger the deep may conceal for them. But I do beg for our sailors and our soldiers, don't let them down in the hour of battle. (Cheers.) Support them with all we can. We must have a big fight, it will shorten the war. The number of subscribers will shorten it further. If you cannot give much, give what you can. It will swell the numbers of subscribers, it will encourage the Army, it will discourage the foe. Let the Army in the front know that the home army is behind the Army. (Cheers.) and every man who has got anything to give. I ask him to enlist in the army in order to do his share and to contribute his help to the winning of the war.

TIME A HESITATING NEUTRAL.

In conclusion I would sum up the

In conclusion I would say to you in my heart, I am glad that you in this country have taken to the men and women of this land—Do these things for the sake of your country during the war. Do it for the sake of your country after the war. When the smoke of this great conflict has been dissolved in the atmosphere, the breaths there will recall your new nation. If it will be the old country still, it will be a new country. Its commerce will be new, its trade will be new, its industries will be new. There will be new conditions of life and of toil, for each and for all alike, and there will be new relations between both of them forever. (Cheers.) But there will be new ideas, there will be a new out-thrusting of the new character in the men and women of this country. The men and women of this country will be burnt into the building material of the new Britain in the fiery kilns of war. It will not merely be the millions of men who, please God, I will count from the battlefield to enjoy the day which they have won by their brave and finer foundation I would not want to be a part of your country, but it will not be that—the Britain that is to be well developed, upon what will be done now by many more millions who remain at the front. There are rare epochs in the history of the world when in a few rare years the character, the destiny, of the whole world is determined for unknown ages to come. The winter which is before us now is better, it is surer, it is more beautiful in its harvest than any other winter in its harvest than any other. It is a soft spring time. There are many soft springs before there are many hard winters. Before the land brings forth green promise. But let us not be lulled in well-doing, for in due season we will reap if we wait not. (Lord cheers.)

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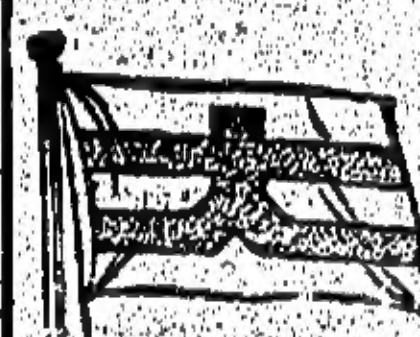
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